

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the portions of the specification identified below to read as indicated herein.

At page 1, line 2, please insert the following heading and related narrative:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/EP02/08193, filed July 23, 2002, which claims priority of (a) International Application No. PCT/EP02/00608, filed January 23, 2002, and (b) German Patent Application No. 101 38 313.4, filed August 10, 2001.

At page 1, line 2, after the newly inserted CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS and its related narrative, as indicated above, please insert the following two lines of heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 14, please insert the following heading:

2. Description of the Related Art

At page 2, line 31, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Preliminary Amendment

Paragraph starting at page 3, line 24:

The support spokes are arranged in such a way that when they are projected into the plane to be illuminated on the image side they are inclined relative to the y-direction of the local system of coordinates in this plane on the image side. That is, the projections of the spokes in the plane have either a positive slope or a negative slope relative to the y-direction, and so, are non-parallel to the y-direction. In this application the y-direction is the direction of the local system of coordinates which is parallel to the scanning direction of a projection exposure apparatus which is operated in a scanning mode and the x-direction is the direction of the local system of coordinates which is perpendicular to the scanning direction.

At page 10, line 22, please insert the following heading:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

At page 13, line 12, please insert the following heading:

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION